



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Medical malpractice is any act or omission by a hospital, a physician, or another health care professional during the course of treatment that causes an injury to the patient; and
- WHEREAS: The occurrence of medical malpractice amplifies the importance of initiatives aimed at preventing injury or death among those receiving medical treatment. Such initiatives promote enhanced communication, education, and action; and
- WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, medical error is the third most common cause of death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 210,000 to 440,000 Americans die each year due to medical error, according to the Journal of Patient Safety; and
- WHEREAS: Medical Malpractice Awareness Month provides an opportunity to focus on recovery, assist the permanent caretakers of those affected by medical error, and increase awareness of the accountability and oversight measures designed to ensure patient safety; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations such as the National Medical Malpractice Advocacy Association are dedicated to standing for those who are unable to stand for themselves, while encouraging the spirit of intentional healing and providing support to those suffering from medical error; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 2018 as MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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